

Asheville Buncombe Homeless Coalition
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2009

Welcome and Introductions: Brian Alexander welcomed members and thanked OnTrack staff for hosting meeting.

Review and approval of Minutes: A copy of the minutes was sent out through email to members. Minutes were passed.

Agency Updates:

- Anthony Goodson of Housing Authority announced that TBRA money is available to assist those currently enrolled in voucher program
- Rich Olejniczak of Mountain Housing Opportunities reported that they were approved funding for 72 new rental units. Construction is planned to begin next year.
- Hillary Bolter of HUD-VASH indicated that a social worker will begin this month to coordinate 35 vouchers.
- APR Phoenix has moved to 356 Biltmore Avenue.
- Amy Sawyer introduced Emily a new Americore worker.

Introduction to OnTrack by Jonathan Stensell: Hand outs were distributed to members about OnTrack services. The core of services offered is money management. For more information about OnTrack go to www.ontrackwnc.org or call (828) 255-5166.

Continuum of Care (COC) Update presented by Robin Merrell of Pisgah Legal Aid:

Pisgah is awaiting the HUD application. Information was provided to the members of the current COC budget and participates which are AHOPE, Interlace, Pathways to Permanent Housing, Shelter Plus Care and Bridge to Recovery. There is a \$44,507 permanent housing bonus funding amount available. Call Robin if interested in applying for these funds at (828) 253-0406.

HMIS and Project Connect: One, Amy Sawyer reported that HUD looks at the numbers generated in HMIS when considering COC funding. Four to five work study students will be available to provide support to agencies using the HMIS system. On September 15@9:00 there will be a user training at Asheville City Hall on 6th floor conference room. She plans to provide a Data Quality report to members. Two, information about Project Connect was provided to members that

identified participating organization s and services to be offered at the event. It will be held at the First Baptist Church on 9/11 @8-2:00.

Small Group Breakdown to work on coalition's mission and vision statement. Brian Alexander distributed a work sheet to assist the small groups with development. We will continue to work on the statements at future meetings.

Next meeting: October 6@12:30 to be held at Salvation Army location.